

HOUSE BILL 9032

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 49; Title 50;
Title 58; Title 62; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to
infectious disease.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as new sections:

68-5-1__.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person or public or private entity that requires a person to wear a facial covering for the purpose of preventing the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or any variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in order to enter property owned or operated by the person or entity must allow any person to opt out of the requirement based on the person's personal preference. A person who chooses to opt out of the requirement may do so by providing the person or entity with a written statement indicating the person's personal preference.

(b) This section does not apply to a requirement for a private residence that is not open to the public that was adopted by the person that owns or leases the private residence.

68-5-1__.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person or public or private entity that requires a person to receive or show proof of receiving an immunization, vaccination, or injection for the purpose of preventing infection of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or any variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in order to enter property owned or operated by the person or entity must allow any person to opt out of the requirement based on the

person's personal preference. A person who chooses to opt out of the requirement may do so by providing the person or entity with a written statement indicating the person's personal preference.

(b) This section does not apply to a requirement for a private residence that is not open to the public that was adopted by the person that owns or leases the residence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-2-603, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) The powers and duties conferred upon the county health director and county health officer by this section do not apply to an immunization, vaccination, or injection for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or any variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or to a facial covering requirement enacted for the purpose of preventing the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or any variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.